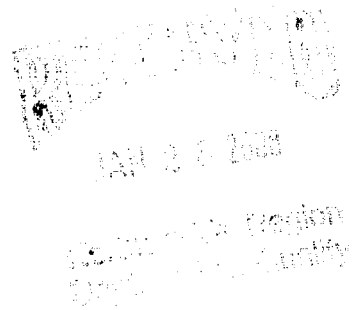


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Dear Air Board:

I would like to offer my support to the Potomac River Generating Station and their attempt to gain a permit allowing them to upgrade their facility. I am retired and have lived in this community all my life; I believe my interest in preserving our life here as well as our environment should be evident.

Unfortunately, it seems that some in City Council and the Virginia Air Board have put their personal agendas ahead of the well being of our community members. They are doing what they can to try and force the closure of Mirant Power and it makes no difference to them what efforts are made by Mirant to improve their plant. It does not make sense to me for leaders of the community to stand in Mirant's way, blocking their access to a permit in order to complete a project that was not only approved, but also recommended by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Mirant has taken steps and requested permission to improve their plant with this smoke stack merge project that will allow them to not only meet environmental guidelines, but beat them without making unsightly additions to the existing plant. They should be applauded and encouraged to make these changes.

Please give Mirant the support they need. Without this permit and the upgrades that Mirant will pay for out of their own pocket our community will face rolling blackouts like those that have become commonplace on the West Coast. Approve their permits and allow them to carry on doing what they do best.

Yours truly,
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